

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Non-final Office Action mailed June 15, 2005. Claims 17-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled. Claims 17, 24 and 26 are in independent form. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in the Application to Deposit Account No. 02-1818. Please reference number 112740-530 if such a withdrawal is made.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejected claim 9 for a lack of antecedent basis for the term “preselection window.” Claim 9 is hereby cancelled.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The previously pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over by *Gutowitz* (US Patent 6,219,731) in view of *Salm* (US Patent 5,991,396). In light of the amendments made herein, applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Specifically, each of the currently pending claims recites a preselection window that simultaneously displays a plurality of selectable characters. *Gutowitz* and *Salm*, alone or in combination, do not teach a preselection window that simultaneously displays a plurality of characters.

As stated by the Examiner, *Gutowitz* discloses that, “in response to the user entering a number of keystrokes with a single key, the character associated with the number of keystrokes is displayed to the user for selection, presumably on a display screen. If this character is not one in which the user desires, the user may enter an additional keystroke to display a different character for selection. This process may be repeated until the user finds a desired character (for example, see column 5, lines 21-46. Accordingly, it is understood that the plurality of characters associated with a key is sequentially displayed to the user as he or she enters keystrokes using the key.” In other words, the only discussion in *Gutowitz* regarding the display of selectable

characters, does not teach a preselection window that simultaneously displays a plurality of characters.

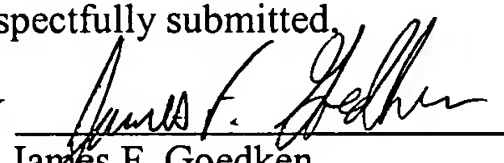
Salm also fails to teach a preselection window that simultaneously displays a plurality of characters. Instead, *Salm* teaches a system that is similar to *Gutowitz*. Specifically, *Salm* states the "The keypad means are connected to display means and are arranged such that actuating a key once results in a display of a first character of a group, actuating the same key twice will result in the display of the second character of a group etc." (col. 5, lines 21-25)

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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